

I know this because, as expected, this dyed-in-the-wool Democrat crossed racial lines and voted against me when I ran for state Senate and boldly let me know that he did so. Moreover, our mutual dear and tearful Italian friend, Tony Mondì, called me to tell me of Willie's passing. In the telling, he spoke of his last time seeing Willie.

It was Election Day, and Tony had talked to Zola, Willie's wife, and found that Willie, who was rapidly succumbing to the cancer that was ravaging his body, was too sick to go to the polls to vote. As far as anyone knew, this would be the first time that he would not exercise that privilege—no responsibility, that he so dearly believed in.

Hanging around campaign headquarters that day were a couple of firefighters. Tony knowing how important it was to his friend, talked to them about the situation. "No problem," they said. "We'll go get him so that he can vote."

Tony called Zola, and all that she asked for was for 15 minutes. Off they went, into the rain, to exercise the ideal. Tony "chauffeured" his own big, black Cadillac, and the two firefighters, Greg Colangelo and Rick Horn, went into the house to "pick up" this man and "carry" him to the polls. There was a wheelchair available, but Willie was not going to have that! For as many years that he had voted, he had proudly walked into the polls and done so. There would be no prouder time for him than Tuesday, November 2, 1999. With all of the strength that he, and all of his ancestors, could muster, he again "walked" into those polls and voted—most probably, straight across the line!

Yes, this one-time fruit picker, Willie King, one rainy afternoon, dragging death behind him and carrying with him the memories of counseling with great political leaders, walked into the polls.

You know, I often hear people speak of others whom I have never met, and whom I will never know, of how they gave their lives for the ideal of democracy and our right to vote. These heroes all stand together in a very special place in history—Abraham, Martin, John, and others. On Nov. 12, as Willie King slept, cared for by his beloved wife; those heroes welcomed him, another King, to the edge of that very special circle.

Therefore, next Election Day, I am interested in hearing your excuse for knowing the issues, but not going out to vote. Walk proudly into those polls.

Willie did.●

KARI WARBERG WINS ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to congratulate Kari Warberg, a constituent of mine from New Town, ND, who was recently awarded the Regional Working Women's Excellence Award for 2001. Kari's farm-based business, Earthkind, Inc., was determined to have demonstrated the most outstanding entrepreneurial achievement for a woman-owned business in a region that covers eight States.

Earthkind, Inc. sells potpourri, candles, air freshener, and other products using plants from her garden. Kari spent five years developing her products, and through self-discipline and perseverance, she has made her business a success. Currently these products are sold in 5,000 stores throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. She also sells her wares over the Internet.

This well-deserved award is a great honor for Kari Warberg, and I applaud

her inventive spirit and her hard work. I hope that my colleagues will join me in sending her our congratulations.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes.

H.R. 642. An act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 66. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Women in Congress, 1917-1990."

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 642. An act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 66. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled: "Women in Congress, 1917-1990"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 700. A bill to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 8. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted on April 5, 2001:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 219: A bill to suspend for two years the certification procedures under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in order to foster greater multilateral cooperation in international counternarcotics programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada.

Nominee: Argeo Paul Cellucci.

Post: Ambassador to Canada.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, \$50, 2000, Elmer Eubanks Committee, Candidate for State Representative; \$100, 2000, Friends of George Allen, Candidate for U.S. Senate; \$100, 1998, Richard Tisei Committee, Candidate for State Senator; and \$50, 1998, Committee, to elect Robert Taki, Candidate for State Representative.

2. Spouse: Janet Garnett Cellucci (none).

3. Children and Spouses: Kate Cellucci (none); Anne Cellucci (none).

4. Parents: Argeo R. Cellucci, Jr. (see attachment); Priscilla M. Cellucci (none).

5. Grandparents: Argeo L. Cellucci (deceased), Rose Cellucci (deceased) and Julian Rose (deceased), Mildred Rose (deceased).

6. Brothers and Spouses: Peter Cellucci (see attachment); Barbara Cellucci (none).

7. Sisters and Spouses: Roseann Canny (see attachment); Brian W. Canny (see attachment).

ATTACHMENT.

Argeo R. Cellucci, Jr. (father).

1997: Republican National Committee, \$25; Massachusetts Republican Party, \$50; Campaign to re-elect Gladys Beaudette, \$25; Committee to Elect Anthony Ranieri, \$25; and Westboro Republican Town Committee, \$20.

1998: Massachusetts Republican Party, \$100; Committee to Elect Anthony Ranieri, \$20; The Doug MacLean Committee, \$50; Jane Swift Committee, \$100; Brad Bailey Committee, \$50; Jane Swift Committee, \$100; Brad Bailey Committee, \$50; Citizens for Peter Torkildsen, \$50; Dale Jenkins Committee, \$50; Matthew Amorello for Congress, \$100; and Jane Swift Committee, \$100.

1999: Dick Yurkus Committee, \$100; McCain 2000, \$25; Massachusetts Republican Party, \$25; Jane Swift Committee, \$50; Matthew Amorello for Congress, \$50; Bush for President, \$100; and Massachusetts Republican Party, \$50.

2000: Friends of Rudy Giuliani, \$100; Republican National Committee, \$30; Jane Swift